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C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 7486

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN CHINESE RELATIONS

REF: EMBASSY JAKARTA MEMCON (AKOSAH) OF JUNE 5, 1975

1. DEBATE OVER HOW SOON INDONESIA SOULD REESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA CONTINUES.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK TOLD AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR WOOLCOTT JUNE 20 THAT HE WAS ADVOCATING RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS WITH PEKING BEFORE END OF 1975. MILITARY LEADERSHIP, HOWEVER, WANTS TO HOLD OFF UNTIL AFTER INDONESIAN ELECTIONS IN 1977. MALIK TOLD WOOLCOTT THAT, IN HIS VIEW, THIS WOULD PLACE INDONESIAN IN IMPOSSIBLE POLITICAL POSITION. INDONESIAN CANNOT SEEK LEADERSHIP ROLE IN ASEAN, ACCORDING TO MALIK, WHILE IT HOLDS OFF FROM RELATIONS WITH MOST SIGNIFICANT POWER IN ASIA.

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3. ACCORDING TO MALIK HE HAS ARGUED WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO FOR

EARLIER RESUMPTION. PRESIDENT TOLD MALIK THAT IF MALIK CAN CONVINCE MILITARY LEADERSHIP, SUHARTO WOULD AGREE. MALIK CURRENTLY SEEKING TO PERSUADE MILITARY LEADERS OF WISDOM OF EARLIER RESUMPTION.

4. WHEN WOOLCOTT ASKED MALIK WHAT HE THOUGHT CHINESE ATTITUDE WAS, MALIK REPLIED THAT INDONESIA ALREADY HAS INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AND CHINESE ARE "EAGER" TO RESUME. MALIK COMMENTED THAT INDONESIA WOULD NOT HAVE TO GO THROUGH SAME PROCESS AS PHILIPPINES.

5. COMMENT: EFFORT TO PERSUADE SUHARTO DESCRIBED BY MALIK TO WOOLCOTT PROBABLE SAME AS APPROACH TO SUHARTO DESCRIBED IN REFERENCED REPORT, ACCORDING TO WHICH SUHARTO TOLD MALIK TO BRING QUESTION UP AGAIN AT END OF 1975. REFERENCE ALSO SUGGESTED POSSIBLE FONOFF COMPROMISE FORMULA ON TIMING OF RELATIONS BY WHICH EARLY FORMAL RESUMPTION TO BE FOLLOWED BY ESTABLISHMENT OF EMBASSIES ONLY AFTER 1977 ELECTIONS. GIVEN MALIK'S RELATIVELY WEAK POSITION IN GOI HIERARCHY, WE DOUBT THAT HE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN OVERCOMING DEEP MILITARY SUSPICION OF CHINESE AND CONVINCING MILITARY LEADERS TO GO ALONG WITH FORMAL RESUMPTION THIS YEAR (MILITARY OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD EMBOFFS FLATLY THAT RESUMPTION WILL NOT TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO ELECTIONS). HOWEVER, MALIK CLEARLY MAKING MAJOR EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION, AND POSSIBILITY CANNOT BE COMPLETELY RULED OUT.  
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